IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re	Application of:)	
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KATSUHITO SAKURAI, ET AL.)	
	1 37 00/500 556	:	Group Art Unit: 2612
Appln. No.: 09/783,556)	
Filed: February 15, 2001		;	
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For:	IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS)	April 1, 2005
	INCLUDING A PLURALITY OF	:	
	PIXELS, EACH HAVING A)	
	PHOTOELECTRIC CONVERSION	:	
	ELEMENT AND AN AMPLIFIER)	
	WHOSE OUTPUT IS PREVENTED	:	
	FROM FALLING BELOW A)	
	PREDETERMINED LEVEL	:	
	(AS AMENDED))	

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

LETTER FORWARDING SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a substitute specification to replace the specification originally filed in the present application. A marked-up copy of the original specification, showing the matter added and deleted in the substitute specification, is also submitted herewith. Applicants submit that the substitute specification contains no new matter.

Applicants believe that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fees be required.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address below.

Respectfully submitted,

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